Revenue Intelligence, Customs authorities and local police. Several premises of gold smugglers and disposal agents were searched. As a result, incriminating documents like loose slips/ sheets of paper, note books and memo pads prima-facie indicating clandestine transactions of about Rs. 12.17 crores in contrabad gold were recovered and seized. Further a crude gold piece weighing 16 grammes and a gold sovereign weighing 8 grammes, Indian currency amounting to Rs. 11.45 lakhs, believed to be the sale proceeds of contraband gold, US $ 320. bearer cheques and other incriminating documents were also seized. A bullet proof jacket was also found and seized. As a follow-up action one bank account was frozen. In this connection 7 persons were arrested who have now been released on bail. As the case is under investigation it will not be desirable in the interest of effective investigations to disclose further details at this stage. However fullest effect of the rigours of law will be brought to bear on those found guilty.

Increase in Pak Defence Expenditure

1953. SHR D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 22nd January, 1987 under the caption "Pak defence spending steadily increasing"; and

(b) if so, what steps government propose to take to strengthen the defence services and also to increase the defence expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government monitor all developments which have a bearing on our security and initiate appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

Review of India's Nuclear Policy

1954. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a rethinking on its well established policy of use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, in view of the situation created by Pakistan by moving its army in an offensive position near the Indian border recently and the fact that the Pakistan's nuclear preparations for the purposes of war ear just two screw drivers away, as reported in the western press; and

(b) what is Governments information regarding the progress made by Pakistan in prefecting its nuclear technology for war purposes and whether this is causing a threat to India's defence preparedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government are concerned at the non-peaceful dimensions of Pakistan's nuclear programme. A constant watch is being kept on this aspect as on all others having a bearing on India's security.

(b) Government have seen reports regarding Pakistan's progress towards nuclear weapons capability. This development is a threat to India's security.

Grants and loans to Bihar

1955. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants given to Bihar by the Central Government during the last three years, year-wise;